Corporation. However, there is no proposal to extend central guarantee for the Power Trading Corporation.

Expert Committee to improve power distribution system

†1850. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert committee was constituted by Central Electricity Authority for improving the power distribution system;

(b) if so, whether the said committee have also submitted a number of recommendations so far to the Government for improvement in the distribution system;

(c) if so, the details of such recommendations; and

(d) the quantum of electricity to be saved through the implementations of such recommendations as per the claim made by the said committee in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Ministry of Power had constituted a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Member (Power Systems/Grid Operation) Central Electricity Authority with experts from utilities, financial institutions, manufacturers *etc.* to formulate guidelines and manuals for the improvement of sub-transmission and distribution systems in the country.

(b) and (c) The Sub-Committee has prepared Guidelines and Manuals covering the following aspects:

— Formulation of project report.

— Energy Accounting/Auditing and Reduction of loses in power system.

— Technical specifications of Distribution Transformers, HT shunt capacitors and associated control equipment, A.C.

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Electrical Energy meters, XLPE Power cables and [11 kV & 33 kV ACSR conductor.

— Project Management and performance Evaluation of Sub-transmission and Distribution projects.

— Training of personnel for deployment on Sub-Transmission and Distribution.

(d) The Manuals and Guidelines prepared by the Expert Committee are meant to assist the State Electricity Boards/Power Utilities to upgrade and improve their sub-transmission and distribution systems and bring about commercial viability through proper energy accounting and auditing. The quantum of electricity to be saved in terms of reduction of the technical and commercial losses in sub-transmission and distribution system will depend on a number of technical and administrative initiatives including implementation of the said recommendations.

Hike in power tariffs by SEBs

†1851. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Electricity Boards of various States raised the rate of power tariffs during the period from March, 1998 to December, 2001;

(b) if so, the names of those State Electricity Boards which had increased the rate of power tariffs alongwith the dates by when such increase was made and the extent thereof; and

(c) the rates of power tariffs being changed from the various types of power consumers at present in each of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State-wise dates of revision of tariff and estimated averge rate of various categories of consumers applicable in various

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